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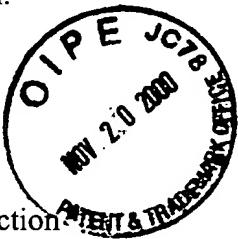
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted under 37 CFR 1.97(b) (Within three months of filing national application; or date of entry of international application; or before mailing date of first office action on the merits; whichever occurs last).

Applicant(s) submit herewith Form PTO 1449-Information Disclosure Citation together with copies, of patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

The relevance of the attached references is that this is the closest art of which Applicant is aware. Applicant submits that the above references taken alone or in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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